



City of Jonesboro

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

6:30 PM

Huntington Building

PRESENTATION BY J-QUAD PLANNING GROUP AT 5:30 P.M. REGARDING THE HOUSING STUDY

SPECIAL CALLED PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING AT 6:10 P.M.

NOMINATING & RULES COMMITTEE MEETING AT 6:20 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR PERRIN AT 6:30 P.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

3. ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK DONNA JACKSON

Present 12 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods; Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Chris Gibson, to Approve the Consent Agenda. A motion was made that these files be approved by consent voice vote

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods; Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

MIN-12:030 Minutes for the City Council meeting on April 3, 2012

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

This item was **PASSED** on the consent agenda.

MIN-12:031 Minutes for the special called City Council meeting on April 9, 2012

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

6. NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

ORD-12:023 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-1 TO C-3 LUO FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4500 EAST JOHNSON AVENUE AS REQUESTED BY DAVID ONSTEAD

Attachments: [Plat](#)
[MAPC Report](#)

Councilman Street offered the ordinance for first reading by title only.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Tim McCall, to Waive Second Reading . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. MAYOR'S REPORTS

Mayor Perrin reported on the following items:

He and Grants Administrator Heather Clements met with Mr. Donovan in Memphis last week. Mr. Donovan is over HUD. They were pleased to find out they are using the Vision 2030 plan while they travel the United States.

He met with Fire Chief Kevin Miller to identify property on Kellers Chapel Road. They will be meeting with the property owner. An appraisal was received on the Stadium Blvd property. The appraisal came in at \$178,000 for the fire station the City just moved out of. They will be working on selling the property.

He met with Ms. Lori Tudor with the Arkansas Highway Department in order to study Parkwood and Southwest Drive. The study will start soon. They will be using money from the \$1.9 million to extend Parker Road to Washington Avenue.

Work on the YMCA pool started last Thursday. They will collect data on the building and will bring a full list to the Building Facilities Committee in order to determine future uses of the building.

They met with the Highway Department on the Matthews Bridge. There are things AT&T has in the area that would drive the cost up. They are continuing to look at the bridge, which will have to be replaced.

Bids on the Bridge Street bridge project will open tomorrow. They hope to take it to

Public Works in two weeks so it can move forward to the City Council. Both lanes will be blocked off during the renovation.

They filed with ADEQ concerning the Jefferson Street property the City just purchased, which is located behind City Hall. The asbestos report came back clear. They hope to start demolition on April 30th.

One of the Skycops arrived today. Once the other two arrive, they will start studying traffic counts and traffic patterns.

Ward meetings will start in May. City Engineer Craig Light will be discussing improvements the City is planning for each ward. Councilman Woods will also discuss children's programs. He will send out the schedule tomorrow.

The Highway Department will start work on the double left-hand turn lane on Johnson and Highway 49 North in July.

The diamond cut on the bypass will start this year. It will go from where it ends on Highway 1 to Commerce Drive.

He sent a letter requesting the Highway Department recommendations on Highway 351 traffic counts near Sage Meadows.

This weekend 60 teams will be visiting Jonesboro for the 2nd Annual Crown Trophy Tournament from various cities. There will be 1,100 children playing soccer this weekend.

Revenues through March still exceed expenses. Reports have been sent out to the Council members.

9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Johnson, to suspend the rules and add RES-12:054 and RES-12:056 to the agenda. All voted aye.

RES-12:054

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS REQUESTING FREE UTILITY SERVICES AT 1421 NETTLETON AVE. (YMCA)

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilwoman Ann Williams, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods; Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Enactment No: R-EN-063-2012

RES-12:056

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS APPROVING A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH BRACKETT KRENNERICH & ASSOCIATES, P.A. FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE ADDITIONS AND RENOVATION OF CITY HALL

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Attachments: [Brackett Krennerich contract](#)

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Chris Moore, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Enactment No: R-EN-064-2012

Councilman Woods noted parks in the City will be available to children during this summer. The After School Network (ASN) is looking at ways to best serve children in the future. They hope to work with Mayor Perrin during the ward meetings to get citizens to sign up for meetings in which they can provide recommendations and suggestions. Mayor Perrin added they hope to be done with the YMCA by July 2nd and will push for it, but will also ensure mistakes aren't made by opening early.

Councilman Fears commended the Parks Department for their work with bringing tournaments and other events to Jonesboro.

Councilman Moore questioned whether there is an estimated time as to how long Union Street by First Methodist Church will be closed. Mayor Perrin stated he does not know. Councilman Moore stated if there is anything the City can do to help the contractor in order to speed up the process, then it should be done due to the backup in traffic in that area. He noted the traffic is at a standstill around noon.

Councilman Coleman announced on April 29th at 10:30 a.m. they are having a community garden event. They are going to purchase equipment in order to take care of the community gardens. They have plans to partner with Success School and City Youth Ministries. On the 29th, they will provide food to the workers.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Debbie Haynie, 1428 W. Huntington, has decided to start a homeless shelter. They have just started the process and will have a feasibility meeting on May 1st at 7:00 p.m. at Grace Community Church on Woodsprings Road. She invited the Council to attend to provide their input.

11. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Mitch Johnson, that this meeting be Adjourned . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

_____ Date: _____
Harold Perrin, Mayor

Attest:

_____ Date: _____
Donna Jackson, City Clerk